T.V. programmes in regional languages

1049. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCATING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of TV Centres in which programmes are being produced in the regional language;

(b) whether it is a fact that some TV Centres do not produce programmes in regional languages but mostly relay the programmes Telecast from Delhi; and

(c) if so, what plans are underway to produce programmes in regional languages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) At present there are the following 17 programmes production centres of Doordarshan in the country producing programmes in various languages including regional languages:

1. Srinagar
2. Jalandhar
3. Bombay
4. Trivandram
5. Rajkot
6. Madras
7. Bangalore
8. Hyderabad
9. Nagpur
10. Cuttack
11. Calcutta
12. Guwahati
13. Ranchi
14. Lucknow
15. Gorakhpur
16. Delhi Doordarshan Kendra
17. Upgraha Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) With the implementation of the Seventh Plan schemes, the number of programme production centres will increase to 48.

Recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission regarding pension for ex-servicemen

1050. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission regarding pension for ex-servicemen;

(b) whether Government have accepted them, if so, by when these are likely to be announced;

(c) whether old pensioners are likely to get the same pension-rank for rank; and

(d) if not, whether Government are aware that it is likely to cause great disappointment and resentment amongst the old ex-servicemen?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) to (d) The main recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission comprise:—

(i) rationalisation of pension structure;

(ii) replacement of slab formula by 50% in calculation of pension; and

(iii) a dearness relief system in-line with that recommended for serving persons.

The Commission has however not found any justification for giving the same pension rank for rank